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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Below is my input to the mining act discussion paper review.

Firstly, I believe the review should be carried out by an independent agency, committee or person. Having the state department that is currently responsible for approving mine proposals is not acceptable to be reviewing the current mining act as well. This could lead to unfair changes to the review in favour of mining. Also the short consultation time frame gives me the idea that the government is trying to rush through any proposed changes without the community being given enough time to fully understand and respond to the review.

I fully understand that we need mining for resources that we all need in our daily lives but we also need to protect our agricultural land. We all know with the population boom that is happening around the world, now more than ever we need to protect any land used to grow food. So with this in mind I feel that the 4.3% of agricultural land left in this state must be exempt from exploration and mining. Also there needs to be more protection in place for farmers who do not wish to sell their land to a mining company. Court action to force the land holder into waving their exemption is not acceptable.

I hope the time is taken to consider the above points and all submissions. If wrong decisions are made now it could have detrimental effects on communities way into the future. Agriculture is such an important part of this state and needs to be protected.

Regards

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